

November Administrators Report



We are continuing to scan our plans and historical documents. We will be saving the documents on different devices and in different locations for archive purposes. The benefit of having the plans available electronically is that the guys aren't packing bulky and fragile paper documents around in the

field where they may become lost or damaged. Also, electronic documents can be altered when necessary and remarks about changes or errors can be noted. This has already been proven handy as we have several location requests for upcoming projects. The ability to email documents to an engineer saves time.

The final approval for the funding of the SCADA system is complete. The \$170,000 investment in our infrastructure will be a big improvement in our ability to manage the city's 37 lift stations. The upgrade has been possible because of our partnership with TCRSD and the



Taney County Commission for funding this project, without them this would have been a significant impact to our capital reserves. The project now moves into the construction phase. The bid was awarded to Automated Control Solutions ACS, which is a locally owned company.

Allen passed his wastewater exam and is now a class D operator. I am proud of him for really buckling down and learning the methods of operating a wastewater plant. I have had to learn a lot about plant operations but nothing in comparison to what he has had to learn in the same time frame. The mathematics, chemistry and industrial equipment management aspects of operating a wastewater plant is daunting and he has stepped up to the challenge and is making great strides in his personal growth and education.



The city participated in an emergency management drill with Forsyth Nursing and Rehab. Taney County Ambulance District, The Taney County Sheriff's office, Central Fire Protection District and our own Police Department and Fire Departments joined in to run a simulated evacuation of the nursing home. The exercise was designed to learn how and where to stage emergency vehicles and staff should a large event happen. I found it interesting to watch each component of the exercise working in concert with the other elements as the exercise unfolded. During the exercise, participants discussed alternative contingencies and issues that may not have been thought of ahead of the exercise. Our staff has been thinking through several scenarios to be better prepared for when something goes wrong.



The pickleball courts are fully painted and waiting for the new nets to be installed. The purchase of the new nets is in the board packets as a decision item. When complete, the city will have 4 new pickleball courts under lights. The mayor has suggested the city host

a tournament to celebrate the opening of the new courts.

Additionally, Dave has been building new water fountains in Shadowrock Park. Now that mowing has come to an end, we will be shifting focus to some other upgrades and past due maintenance items around the park system. For example, there are 21 stumps in Shadowrock park. We will be renting a large commercial stump grinder and removing the dead stumps sometime this winter.



We are continuing to cross train our staff to perform and learn the duties of overlapping positions. For example, Misty is learning how to read meters in the field. This will help her understand better the challenges the guy's face in locating, reading and replacing the meters. It will also strengthen our ability to quickly and efficiently read the meters and have additional staff available to cover vacancies in the future.

Paul is cross training with Allen at the sewer plants. The more each member of the public works department knows about how the plant operates and what to watch out for only helps us recognize when or if something looks out of place. Both Dave and Paul have expressed interest in attending the next round of classes with DNR.

Matt is fabricating a new set of stair rails for the staircase across from the County Courthouse. Each of the guys in public works brings a different skill set to the table. Working together they have demonstrated that they can fix almost anything. They are also continuing to affect repairs on some of our larger projects at the sewer plants, moving us closer to having them running at or near 100%

The traditional "Safety Award" is set to be given to staff next month as follows:

Full time employees will receive \$100 each, part time employees will receive \$50 each and the 13 volunteer firefighters will receive \$50 each. This will equal \$2,300 and the amount is budgeted and approved.